



REVIEW OF IOWA'S ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR LITERACY

Review Team. Department of Education Director Ryan Wise announced the members of a state team that will review Iowa's academic standards for literacy. The Literacy Standards Review Team is charged with reviewing the Iowa K-12 English Language Arts Standards and the Grades 6-12 Literacy Standards for History, Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects to:

- Identify the level of stakeholder agreement/disagreement with the standards
- Identify revisions of standards necessary to improve the quality of teaching and learning
- Assess the current levels of implementation of the standards among Iowa K-12 teachers
- Identify needs for professional learning related to the K-12 Iowa Literacy Standards

Meetings. The Literacy Standards Review Team will meet for the first time on Wednesday, February 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will be in Room B100 (basement level) of the Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., in Des Moines. Meetings are open to the public. Additional meetings have been scheduled for March 23, April 27, May 25, and June 22 of this year.

Background. The process was prompted by the Governor's [Executive Order 83](#) that calls for an ongoing review of Iowa's academic standards, including public comment, to identify areas for improvement. The first phase of the standards review process ended in August 2015 when the [State Board of Education adopted the Next Generation Science Standards](#). The Department also has convened [a state team to review the state's social studies standards](#).

Additional Information. For more information about the Literacy Standards Review Team, visit the Iowa Department of Education's [website](#).

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